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SUBJECT: NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING BUREAU (NACB) MEETING
IN HAVANA: TANZANIAN PERMREP'S VIEWS

1. ON MAY 23, IN THE CONTEXT OF A MEETING AT OUR
REQUEST TO DISCUSS OUR PROPOSED INVITATION TO A
COMMITTEE OF 24 VISITING MISSION TO GUAM (SEPTTEL),
MINISTER-COUNSELOR PETREE AND MISOFF QUERIED
TANZANIAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE SALIM ABOUT THE
NACB MEETING IN HAVANA. REMARKING THAT HE WAS ONLY
THERE FROM WEDNESDAY TO SATURDAY, SALIM SAID THAT
NOTHING MUCH HAD HAPPENED AT THE MEETING: IT HAD
BEEN ORDINARY. SALIM NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE
HAD BEEN A NUMBER OF POINTS OF SERIOUS DIFFERENCE,
INCLUDING THE MIDDLE EAST AND WESTERN SAHARA.
ALTHOUGH SYRIA AND EGYPT HAD HAD SOME SHARP EXCHANGES
OF VIEWS, THE FINAL DOCUMENT ON THE MIDDLE EAST HAD
PATCHED TOGETHER A MINIMAL AGREEMENT.

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2. CONCERNING WESTERN SAHARA, SALIM SAID THAT SOME
THOUGHT HAD BEEN GIVEN TO A FORMAL PRE-KHARTOUM SUMMIT
MEETING TO CONSIDER THE ISSUE, BUT HE BELIEVED
THAT SUCH A MEETING WOULD TURN OUT NOT TO BE
FEASIBLE. THE SAHARA, AND OTHER ISSUES,
WOULD BE DEALT WITH MOST IMPORTANTLY IN INFORMAL

SIDE-TALKS AT KHARTOUM. SALIM SAID THAT NAMIBIA AND ZIMBABWE HAD BEEN DISCUSSED IN HAVANA VERY MUCH ALONG THE LINES OF PREVIOUS COMMUNIQUE. THERE HAD BEEN NO TALK IN FORMAL MEETINGS ON THE HORN OF AFRICA. CHAD AND LIBYA HAD HAD SOME SHARP EXCHANGES OF VIEWS, BUT THERE HAD BEEN NO SUBSTANTIVE MOVEMENT ON THIS ISSUE.

3. IN RESPONSE TO PETREE'S QUERY, SALIM SAID THAT THE CUBANS HAD BEEN VERY CAREFUL TO AVOID EXTREME POSITIONS OR HEAVY INFLUENCE ON THE CONDUCT OF THE CONFERENCE. SALIM THOUGHT THAT THEY WOULD EXERCISE SIMILAR CAUTION IN BELGRADE AND LATER AT THE SUMMIT IN HAVANA ITSELF. HE SAID THAT THE BELGRADE MEETING SHOULD BE MUCH MORE INTERESTING THAN THE RECENT HAVANA MEETING, SINCE IT WOULD BE A PLENARY, NOT CONSTRAINED BY THE LIMITED PARTICIPATION OF THE NACB MEETING. HE ALSO HAD NOTED SIGNS OF ELABORATE PREPARATIONS FOR THE HAVANA MEETING, INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION OF AN \$18 MILLION CONFERENCE COMPLEX. YOUNG

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